

--- “Series of 1880” - Division “Open” - [A 4] - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/10th pound - *lithographed* in BLACK on *block watermarked horizontal mesh wove* ---

--- Type II - perforated 12 - 132 x 15 mm. - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 100% scale ---

John McKay records that 30,000 *lithographed* “1-10th, Black, Cigarettes” were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Apparently he has grouped the Type II Division “Open” and “Montreal” Division strips.

In 1880 the excise duty for cigarettes manufactured from foreign tobacco was 20¢ per pound, so the 1/20th pound strip represents a tax of 1¢, and the 1/10th pound strip represent a tax of 2¢.

At a rough manufacturing standard of 2½ pounds per 1000 cigarettes, 1 pound would actually contain 400 cigarettes, and thus 1/20th pound would be the equivalent of 20 cigarettes. By the same calculation, the 1/10th pound strip would equal 40 cigarettes.



- ★RC-13a? - 1/10th pound, Division “Open” - [A 4], black, control **002029**, perforated 12, *lithographed* on *block watermarked horizontal mesh wove* - appears *unwatermarked*, a top straight-edged top copy which simply missed the sheet watermark

NOTE: I doubt the existence of a *truly* unwatermarked copy of RC-13a.



- ★RC-13 CP - 1/10th pound, Division “Open” - [A 4], black, control **003005**, perforated 12, *lithographed* on *block watermarked horizontal mesh wove* paper, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters



- ★RC-13 - 1/10th pound, Division “Open” - [A 4], black, control **002175-76**, perforated 12, *lithographed* on *block watermarked horizontal mesh wove* paper - a pair

002029 ★	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked, Simply missed the sheet block watermark
002101	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002119	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002120	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002133 ★	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked

002141	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002145	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002169	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002172	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002175-76★	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked, a vertical pair
002202-08	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked - a pane of seven
002213	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002224★	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002227	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002231	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
002272	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003005★	RC-13 CP	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters
003034	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003047	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003074	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003078	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003088	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked
003148	RC-13	1/10th pound, black, perforated, block watermarked

The collection *does not contain* a *control-free* copy of **RC-13n** - the perforated 1/10th pound Division “Open” strip on *block watermarked horizontal* mesh wove paper - **WANTED!**

The collection *does not contain* a *control-numbered* copy of the imperforate 1/10th pound Division “Open” strip on *block watermarked horizontal* mesh wove paper. I can see no legitimate reason for the *control-numbered* existence of *imperforate* strips. If they had been control numbered prior to the perforation process they are simply unfinished remnants.

Likewise, the collection *does not* contain a control-free copy of the imperforate 1/10th pound Division “Open” strip on *block watermarked horizontal* mesh wove paper.



★ 1/10th pound, Division “Open” - [**A 4**], black, *without* control numbering, imperforate, lithographed on *block watermarked horizontal* mesh wove paper - appears to be *unwatermarked*,
[a straight-edged unfinished copy which simply missed the sheet watermark]

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